

February 22, 2017

The Honorable Edward Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

The Honorable Stephen Ostroff, M.D.
Acting Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993

Dear Administrator Pruitt and Acting Commissioner Ostroff,

The American Mosquito Control Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing leadership, information and education to enhance public health and quality of life through the suppression of mosquitoes. New and effective tools to combat mosquitoes are essential to carrying out this vital mission. That need is especially acute for the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito that carries Zika, dengue and other deadly viruses. With mosquito season fast approaching, Americans are at increased risk from these diseases.

We understand that your agencies are currently considering the transfer of oversight responsibilities for OX513A from FDA to EPA. Regardless of the decision taken on the proper agency to regulate this product, we urge you to act quickly to allow the use of this important tool to fight mosquitoes.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to invite you both or staff from your agencies, to the AMCA Legislative Conference at the Melrose Hotel in Georgetown 15-17 May, 2017. This conference is attended by about 100 AMCA members from all over the country and is our venue for the exchange of ideas regarding legislative and regulatory challenges facing the mosquito control profession. We also take the liberty of visiting our legislators to discuss these issues in person on Tuesday, 16 May. I know that our attendees would relish the opportunity to meet you or members of your agency staffs.

As mosquito control professionals, we know all too well the strength and resilience of the enemy we combat. We thank you for your leadership in reviewing and approving new tools to help us in this fight, and look forward to working with you to protect public health.

Highest regards,



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